

## NEARBY TRAILS & LINKAGES:

Distance from closest point on trail in kilometres

Christie Lake Conservation Area	0.9km
Crooks' Hollow Conservation Area	3.0km
Dundas Valley Conservation Area	3.0km
Fletcher Creek Ecological Preserve	3.5km
Spencer Gorge Conservation Area	5.8km
Valens Lake Conservation Area	6.0km
Westfield Heritage Village	8.3km

## TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- No open fires or camping are permitted on HCA trails.
- Except where noted, there are no washrooms provided along the trail.
- Watch for vehicular traffic on areas of the trail that cross roadways.
- Dogs must be on leash, and clean up after your pets.
- Stay on the trail at all times.
- Use of the trail is at the user's risk, and trail conditions may change over time.
- No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trail.
- Keep to the right when on the trail.
- If you want to pass someone on the trail, announce your intention, and always let faster users pass you.
- Creek crossing on the trail are by bridge. Do not ride or walk through the water.

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The Lafarge 2000 Trail is owned by the City of Hamilton, formerly the Town of Flamborough, and is leased and maintained by the HCA.



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## LOCATIONS, CONTACTS & HCA PASS

The Lafarge 2000 Trail is maintained by Valens Lake Staff, please contact:  
905-525-2183  
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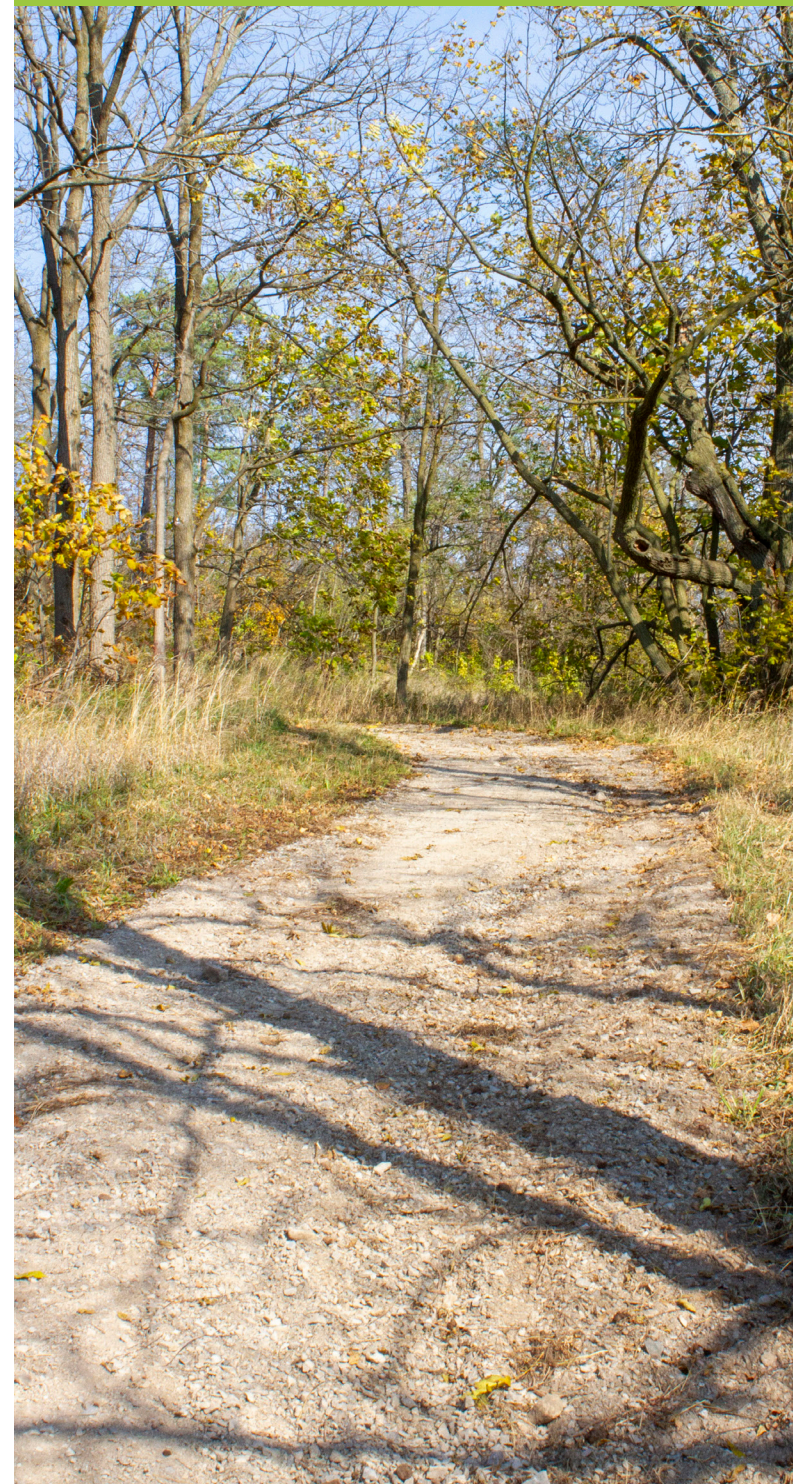


A fee schedule and reservation policy are posted at the entrance or visit:  
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The Lafarge 2000 Trail is a joint project between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA). It offers users a look at the varied and unique natural features along its path, including the Beverly Swamp, Dundas Valley and Christie Lake Conservation Areas. The trail has both on and off road sections, and follows Middletown Road from Regional Road 99, just off the Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail, and continues to the border between the City of Hamilton and the Township of Puslinch. The Lafarge 2000 Trail forms an important part of the trail network that surrounds the Hamilton area.

## COME AND EXPLORE...

Begin your journey in the Dundas Valley Conservation Area, a deep glacial valley cut into the Niagara Escarpment. From there, it's a slow and steady climb out of the valley and into the rural countryside. The Lafarge 2000 Trail also gives you the opportunity to visit some of the region's nearby natural and heritage sites, including Webster Falls, Valens Lake, Crooks' Hollow, Beverly Swamp, Fletcher Creek Ecological Preserve, and Westfield Heritage Village.

## TRAIL MILEAGE MARKERS

**0 KM**

### SOUTHERN TRAILHEAD IN DUNDAS VALLEY

The trailhead parking lot is adjacent to the Hamilton-to-Brantford Rail Trail, on Old Highway 99, 2.5-km east of Hwy. 52. The total length of the trail is 22-km stretching from Dundas to Hwy. 6, North of Freelon.

**0 KM**

### HAMILTON TO BRANTFORD RAIL TRAIL

- Sections of the Trans Canada Trail.
- Canada's first fully developed, multi-use inter-urban trail system.
- 80-km long, linking Hamilton, Brantford, Paris and Cambridge.
- Rail Trail eastbound links to the Dundas Valley Trail Centre, just 3.5-km away.
- Built on abandoned Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway line.

**1.3 KM**

### NIAGARA ESCARPMENT VISTA

- One of Canada's most scenic landforms.
- Striking cliffs rise high above the Dundas Valley.
- Recognized World Biosphere Reserve.

**2.4 KM**

### HIGHWAY 8 CROSSING

- As you cross Highway 8, the West Flamborough Presbyterian Church, built in the mid 1800s near the northeast corner, is just on the outskirts of the historic town of Greensville.
- Stormont House, built in the 1800s is just a few metres away on Hwy. 8.

**3.2 KM**

### CHRISTIE LAKE CONSERVATION AREA

- The trail crosses the Christie Lake reservoir, providing a stunning view, with wetlands to the west and the reservoir and recreation area to the east.
- You can travel a short distance east on Highway 5 to enter the Christie Lake gate. Drop in and see Christie Lake's swimming area, beach, picnic areas, and hiking trails.

**11.3 KM**

### WESTOVER DRUMLIN FIELD

- Glaciers formed these elongated oval hills that make up this rolling countryside.
- The orientation of the drumlins (upside down tea spoons) indicates which way the glacier was moving; in this case, westward.
- Five drumlins can be seen from this location.

**16 KM**

### BEVERLY SWAMP

- A provincially unique wetland which is the source area for Spencer, Grindstone and Fairchild Creeks.
- Large hardwood Carolinian swamp, covering 2,324-hectares.
- The Beverly Swamp is unique, as it has great water retention characteristics and contains a rich diversity of plant and animal life, including some that are rare to this region.

**17 KM**

### REGIONAL ROAD 97 CROSSING

- From this point, you have two choices; continue on the trail heading towards the Highway 6 terminus, or go off trail onto Regional Road 97 and head west 6-km to Valens Lake Conservation Area, which features fishing, hiking, and swimming - plus all season camping.

**19 KM**

### FLETCHER CREEK SWAMP FOREST

- The trail from Concessions 10 to Gore Road features an 800-foot Boardwalk through the Fletcher Swamp Forest, a hardwood swamp.
- This section was developed with the generous support of the Optimist Club of Strabane and Ontario Trillium Foundation.

**22 KM**

### HIGHWAY 6, PUSLINCH TOWNSHIP

- 4.5-km from Highway 401 and the Town of Morriston, where you will find restaurants and other amenities.

